



ANNUAL AWARDS

California Trails and Greenways Conference

www.parks.ca.gov/trails/conference

The Conference Awards Committee is seeking nominees for recognition at the California Trails & Greenways Conference. ***This is your opportunity to bring acknowledgement and appreciation to those individuals, organizations or agencies that deserve our praise for providing the most outstanding efforts to promote, enhance, or expand public awareness and use of trails/greenways in California.***

- ☐ Have you participated in a great trail/greenway event that deserves recognition by your colleagues?
- ☐ Do you know of, or have you been part of, an active trail/greenway program that has benefited trails and greenways?
- ☐ Are you aware of a unique trail/greenway project that recently achieved a significant milestone?
- ☐ Do you know of an exceptional leader we should recognize for volunteering a considerable amount of his or her personal time over the past 25+ years on behalf of California trails/greenways?
- ☐ Do you know a parks/trails professional that should be recognized for their work over the past 25+ years to further the cause of trails/greenways in the State that qualifies for a lifetime achievement award?
- ☐ Have you seen a trails/greenway website that provides great information in an entertaining format?
- ☐ Do you know of a volunteer or elected official who has devoted at least 7 years in promoting/supporting a particular trail or trail network that qualifies for a California Recreational Trails Committee award?

Then please send in your nomination! Any individual, organization, or agency may make a nomination in any one or more of the following award categories. Nominations for awards can be submitted anytime throughout the year; however, *only nominations received more than 90 days prior to the Trails and Greenways Conference will be considered for an award that year.* Awards will be announced at the California Trails and Greenways Conference.

AWARD CATEGORIES

Lifetime Achievement Award	Presented to an individual who has volunteered a considerable amount of personal time over the past 25 or more years on behalf of trails/greenways, and who has been a leader with statewide impact on trails/greenways in California. This category is not necessarily recognized every year.
Lifetime Professional Achievement Award	Presented to a professional park/trails individual who has worked over the past 25+ years to plan, develop and promote trails on a local and statewide basis. This category is not necessarily recognized every year.
Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Event)	Given in recognition of a special and successful trail/greenway event held the calendar year before the conference. Nominees should be organizations or agencies that initiated and implemented the event. <i>Note: California Trail Days and National Trails Day events <u>are</u> eligible for nomination in this category.</i>

Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Program)	Given in recognition of an important trail/greenway program that continues to be active. Nominees should be the organizations or agencies that initiates and implements the program.
Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Project)	Given in recognition of a unique trail/greenway project that reached a significant milestone the calendar year before the conference. Nominees should be the organizations or agencies that initiated and implemented the project.
Trail/Greenway Website Award	Presented to the trails/greenway website that has achieved overall excellence through design and concept the calendar year before the conference.
California Recreational Trails Committee Award	<p>The intent behind this award is to recognize private citizens and elected officials who have made significant contributions in support of trails in California. Through this kind of high visibility recognition by appointees of the Governor, others may be inspired to a high level of commitment to the expansion of California's trail network and its programs.</p> <p>This award will be given to an individual. Only non-trail professionals are eligible. Those employed by a public agency, non-profit or a private business whose primary job is trail related are not eligible; however, those holding elected office are eligible. The award is open to persons representing any user group of trails and urban, suburban or rural interests. Nominees must have been publicly involved with trail issues for at least seven years. The award is not open to anyone who has previously received any state, national or international trail award. Extra consideration will be given for accomplishments related to creation of a specific "product" such as a trail or program.</p> <p>The nomination letter for this award must contain the nominee's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ number of years active with trail issues ○ user group most closely identified with (if any) ○ hometown ○ occupation ○ significant trail related activities that support this award <p>Please include contact information for the person making the nomination, at least three letters of endorsement and other material indicating the nominee's contributions to trails.</p>

NOMINATION INSTRUCTIONS

- ☐ Complete the nomination form.
- ☐ Prepare a one-page double-spaced letter in support of the nomination.
- ☐ Include no more than three attachments (8 each): brochures, maps, videos, photographs, articles, publicity, letters of endorsements, etc.
- ☐ Please submit 8 copies of your nomination package for distribution to the judges. Do not have endorsement letters sent separately.
- ☐ Complete nomination packages must arrive at least 90 days before the start of the conference.

Those accepting awards on behalf of agencies or organizations will be given an opportunity to give a 5 minute presentation on the project or program.

The decisions of the awards committee are final.

If you have any questions, please call Steve Musillami at (916) 653-6501.

Annual Awards Nomination Form
California Trails and Greenways Conference

Nominee: _____

Award Category:

- ☐ Lifetime Achievement Award
- ☐ Lifetime Professional Achievement Award
- ☐ Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Event)
- ☐ Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Program)
- ☐ Trail/Greenway Merit Award (Project)
- ☐ Trail/Greenway Website Award
- ☐ California Recreational Trails Committee Award

Person making nomination:

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Email: _____

Contact person (to answer questions regarding nomination if different from above):

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

Address: _____

City, state, zip: _____

Email: _____

Submit 8 copies of your nomination package including:

- ☐ This completed nomination form
- ☐ A one-page typed double-spaced letter supporting your nomination
- ☐ You may also include no more than three attachments (8 each, please) as described in the instructions

Send your nomination package to arrive by the deadline to:

California State Parks
Statewide Trails Office Trail Awards
P.O. Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001